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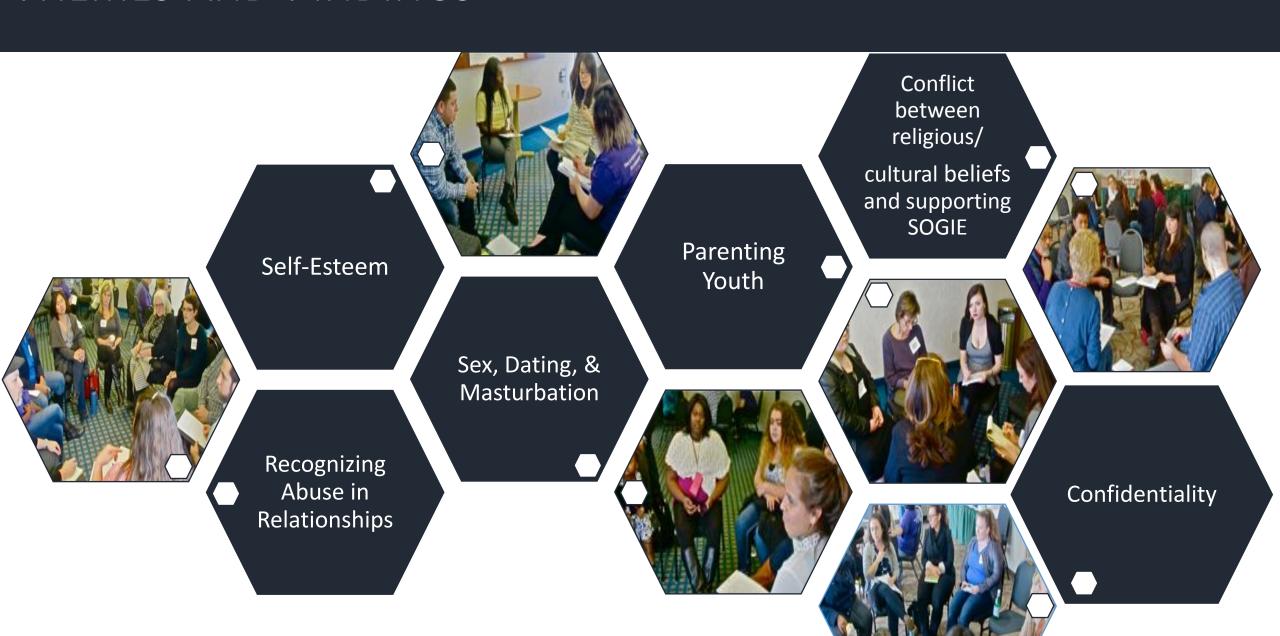
SUPPORTING HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

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THE BIG QUESTIONS

- How does the child welfare system currently support the healthy sexual development of youth in foster care?
- What actions, policies, and practices do we need to create, clarify, or make visible to support sexual safety and well-being of youth in foster care?
- What are the strengths and needs of youth in the child welfare system that will impact their healthy sexual development?
- What practices or policies act as barriers? What might be our solutions and opportunities for breaking through these barriers?
- How do race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression affect healthy sexual development outcomes for youth?

THEMES AND FINDINGS



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Develop and incorporate best practice guidelines and incorporate into existing policies and practices
- 2. Create robust guidance and training on how the intent of the "Prudent Parent" statute can be used in support of healthy sexual development
- 3. Explore youth mentors as a resource for youth in foster care
- 4. Further develop existing curricula and increase access to training
- 5. When developing best practice guidelines and training opportunities for foster youth and relevant stakeholders, consider an array of specific suggestions, topic areas, and perspectives that may be incorporated

Implementation and Dissemination Strategy

GOAL

Incorporate recommendations into existing policies and practices in order to:

- maximize feasibility
- increase impact
- minimize barriers to implementation

MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS **Existing Channels** Statement of of Foster Youth's Communication Rights Katie A Training Settlement Activities Supporting the **Healthy Sexual Child and Family** Continuum of Development Care Reform Team of Youth In Foster Care